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SUBJECT: EC ASSISTANCE TO PORTUGAL

RERS: A. EC BRUSSELS 11429
B. LISBON 7486 (NOTAL)

1. DURING A CONVERSATION DECEMBER 22 WITH ACTING EC COMMIS-
SIONER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS GUNDELACH, AMBASSADOR GREENWALD
CALLED ATTENTION TO THE INCREASING SERIOUSNESS OF PORTUGUESE
LIQUIDITY POSITION (REFTEL B) AND URGED THAT THE COMMISSION
KEEP PRESSURE ON EC MEMBER STATES FOR EARLY AND FORTHCOMING
POSITION ON FINANCIAL AND TRADE ASSISTANCE FOR PORTUGAL
GUNDELACH SAID THE EC COUNCIL'S LAST GO-AROUND ON PORGUAL
WAS UNSATISFACTORY AND THERE WAS GROWING RECONGITION AMONG
THE MEMBER STATES THAT THE PROPOSED MANDATE FOR NEGOTIATIONS
WAS INADEQUATE. THE COMMISSION WAS INSISTING THAT THE
ISSUE BE TAKEN UP AGAIN AT THE FIRST MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
IN JANUARY.

2. GUNDELACH EXPRESSED OPTIMISM THAT THE COMMUNITY
WOULD OLLK AT THE FINANCIAL PROTOCOL WITH A GREATER
SENSE OF URGENCY. AS REGARDS TRADE RELATIONS, HE SAID
THE COMMISSION WOULD CONTINUE TO INSIST THAT A GROWTH
FACTOR BE INCLUDED FOR TEXTILES. HE WAS LESS OPTIMISTIC
ON BETTER TREATMENT FOR PORTUGUESE MIGRANT WORKERS
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IN THE MEMBER STATES, PARTICULARLY GERMANY. GREENWALD

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